

The Inhabitants of Southborough
To Fitch Winchester. Chairman of a Committee
for building a Town-house Dr

To Cash paid sundry persons as per said
Committee's report made to the Town at a
legal Meeting held Nov 8. 1840 \$3905.84

Interest on 2405.84 from Nov 1. 1840

To Feb 1. 1841. " 3 Mo. 36 08

\$3941.92

Southborough 26. February 1841

Rec^d by Fitch Winchester

To Asa Maynard Treasurer for the Town of
Southborough or his successor in said office

Please pay Fitch Winchast Three thousand
nine hundred and forty one dollars and ninety two cents
for the purpose within specified and with his receipt
we will allow you the same on Settlement

Feb 26 1841

Monassek Fay

Elisha Johnson

Clark Fay

Sullivan Fay

} Selectmen
of
Southboro

Nov 41

\$3941.92

The Inhabitants of Southborough.

To Manassah Fay, Chairman of the Selectmen Dr
 To amt paid for Desk for Town Hall — \$1.00

" " " " Ink Stand for Selectmens room 50

" " " " Sand Box " " " 8

" " " " Ink " " " 11

" " " " Paper " " " 24

\$1.83

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Recd - payd Manassah Fay

To Arba Maynard Treasurer for the Town of Southborough
or his successor in said office.

Please pay Manasseh Fay one dollar and eighty
three cents for the within account and we will allow
you the same on settlement.

Southboro. Feb. 26 1841

Manasseh Fay
Elisha Johnson
Park Fay
Sullivan Fay

} Selectmen
of
Southborough

No. 35

\$1.83

Articles of agreement made this eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty by and between Fitch Winchester, Dexter Fay, Gabriel Parker, Peter Fay, Arba Maynard Dana Flagg and Charles Johnson a Committee to act for and in behalf of the Inhabitants of the Town of Southborough in the County of Worcester and State of Massachusetts on the one part, and Alpheus M. Merrifield of Worcester of the County and State aforesaid of the other part.

Witnesseth that Whereas the said Alpheus M. Merrifield has agreed with the said Committee to make and build a house on land near the Meeting house of the First Parish in said Southboro, for the transaction of Town business, and for a high School, of the following dimensions and specifications. Said house is to be 56 ft with a Glade in front of 6 feet, making in all 62 feet long and 40 feet wide, with posts 25½ feet long, the lower rooms to be 11 feet from the top of the sills to the top of the girts, and the hall to be 14½ feet from the top of the girts to the top of the beams, the wall sills to be 7½ in by 8, inside sills 8 in by 8, posts 7 in by 8, girts 8 in by 8, girders in the hall floor 9 by 11 in, beams 9 in by 9, plates 8 in by 8, Studs 7 in by 2, joists in the first and second floors to be 6 in by 3, those in the third flooring to be 2½ in by 5, the roof to be framed with Queen posts of suitable size under rafters 6 in by 7. Corner rafters to be 7 in by 8, other beam rafters to be 6 in at one end and 7 in at the other, purlines 8 in by 9, small rafters to be 2 in by 7, horizontal braces 2½ feet run, and all others 3 feet run and to be braced under the plates and beams above and below the girts and on the sills, it is understood that the Committee are to furnish 4 beams and 3 girders in the hall flooring for which they are to be allowed nine dollars each. There is to be twenty nine windows 24 lights each, glass 9 by 12 in N.E. Crown 2nd quality or Redford, Sash to be ½ in thick. Six windows to be lip sash and hung with pulleys and weights both bottom and top sash, one of the six to be on each side of the hall and two on each side of the Schoolroom, the windows to have sash fasteners and good window springs and good blinds to all the windows and well painted Paris green, sash and blinds are to be inspected before they are painted. Window frames to be made of 1½ inch stuff, top and sides 7½ inch wide and blocks in the corners with the tops and sides grooved into the corner blocks, inside window casings are to be bevel jambs grooved into the box casings, with plain pilasters 6½ in wide with blocks in the corners.

The inclosing boards are to be pine and matched as high up
 as the hall floor, there is to be no lining in front under the sheathing
 the residue of the inclosing are to be put on without matching
 and straightened if they are wainey, roof boards to be pine or
 hemlock, and shingled with the best of eastern pine split and shaved
 shingles and laid not more than 4 inches to the weather there is to
 be an entablature on the front and sides of the house, the pediment
 and entablature in front is to project six feet and supported by
 four Columns 2 feet and eight inches in diameter and of sufficient
 length to reach an entablature 42 or 44 in wide, Columns fluted.
 all the front end is to be sheathed and the sheathing to be not more
 than six 6 nor less than 5 inches wide, the columns to be made of 2 in
 plank, the sides and back end to be clapboarded the clapboards gaged
 to a thickness and sanded, the back end to be an open pediment and
 a full return on the back corners, the pilasters are to be made in
 four pieces 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide, the sheathing and columns are to be put
 together with white lead paint in the joints, the sealing in the Columns
 is to be plastered with two coats the last to be stucco, with a cornice
 like the one at Westboro, the frieze in the front pediment to be full size
 the cornice, planice, bedmolding and architrave to the entablature
 reference may be had to Westboro town house, the outer door in the
 center to be 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet wide and height in proportion and made in two
 halves and a section at the top that will not open, the other outer
 doors 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft wide and height in proportion and made of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in stuff
 the outer doors and the hall door are to have glass knob latches and locks
 of suitable size for such doors, and all other door handles are to be of
 Curtises manufactory of suitable size. inside doors to Schoolroom 1 $\frac{3}{4}$
 thick with six panels. the doors to the Committee rooms six panels 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ thick
 the hall door to be made in two halves each 3 ft wide and height in proportion
 and 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick. the doors rooms entry hall and Schoolroom to be
 wainscoting as high as the windows. Committee rooms to be plastered
 down to the base, there is to be a flight of stairs from one of the commit-
 tee rooms into the attic, the floor in the hall to be good eastern pine
 clear from knots and no boards to be more than 8 inches wide and only one
 piece in a place, and the floors are to be cut within the risers of the floor
 of the hall and Schoolroom and all other rooms the base to be put down
 first and the floor cut within, a space of the floor 4 ft wide each way
 from the hall door round to the Speakers desk to be raised 6 inches

and a box seat 15 in wide and 18 in high attached to the walls of the house, the speakers desk to be 14 ft long and 7 ft wide, the floor raised two steps of 7 in above the raised part of the ^{hall} floor the table as may be seen in the drawing 18 in wide to be enclosed with setwork boards not more than 5 1/2 in wide, and Table 1 1/2 in thick painted black and the setwork grained. The hall is to be ^{arched} on all sides near down to the tops of the windows. with a jet and bed molding of sufficient size to be made of stucco, the hall to be plastered with two coats the last to be stucco with a center piece of stucco of suitable size, Schoolroom floor as in the hall, to be raised on three sides a space of 3 feet and 4 in and 7 in high, with a seat attached to the walls as in the hall, Platform for Masters table raised one step with table 8 ft long 2 ft wide with drawer and lock and enclosed with setwork and painted like the one in the hall, with a seat attached to the wall. There will be five shelves in the north end of each dress room and 24 Coat and hat hooks in each dress room. There is to be 4 ^{cast} iron posts in the schoolroom of sufficient size to support the hall flooring, the chimneys at the north end of the hall are to commence as low down as the lathing over the schoolroom and carried separate into the attic and brought together and carried out at the ridge the same as in the townhouse at Westboro, there must be a stone in the sealing of the schoolroom near each chimney for the stove pipes to pass through into a small recess at one side of the chimneys, and a stone in each of the chimneys in the hall to receive the stove pipes in the hall, The finish at the north end of the hall to be brought out face with the chimneys and leaving an arched recess between the chimneys as in the hall at Westboro, the sealing in the Committee rooms and entry to the hall are to be brought down to four inches from the tops of the windows. There is to be a chimney to one of the committee rooms commencing at the sealing and carried out a sufficient height with a stone in the sealing near the bottom of the chimney to receive ~~the~~ stove pipe, the lathing to be done with eastern lath and the nailings not more than sixteen inches apart, the furrings for the sealing in the schoolroom are to be hung up crossways ~~the~~ ^{the} joints in the attic flooring to be framed to come face with the lower side of the beams and 16 in from center to center. There must be a good joint bolt through the beams into each Queen post. The ^{chimnies} must be well secured with lead on the roof, the windows heads, door heads, tops of the pilasters and the returns ~~and the~~

round the corners to be covered with sheet lead. and over the
set of the pediment to be a strip of lead not less than 6 in wide ~~the~~
all the outside is to be finished with the best of eastern stuff clear
from sap. not knots splits and shakes and painted with three good
coats of pure white lead and linseed oil. the inside above the
floors to be finished with good eastern stuff clear from knots and painted
with two good coats of paint and oil same as on the out side
the stairs leading to the hall to be built as shown in the plan with
newels and handrails, the entry plastered down to the base of the
stairs and below the stairs to be wainscoting, the finish in the wood
room to be floor walls boarded boards plain and matched and a six panel
door 1 1/4 in thick. the joicing upon the two lower floorings to be
not more than twenty inches from center to center, and it is
understood that the Committee if they see fit can enlarge the
timber by paying twenty dollars per thousand for such increase
and all the above described work to be done in a substantial
and workmanlike manner and completed on or before the
first day of October next. for and in consideration of which
the above named Committee agree to pay the said Alpheus
In Merifield the sum of Twenty nine hundred dollars,
and to be paid five hundred dollars when the frame is raised
and one thousand when the building is inclosed and the residue
after deducting the aforesaid ninety dollars for the timber
to be paid when the house is completed

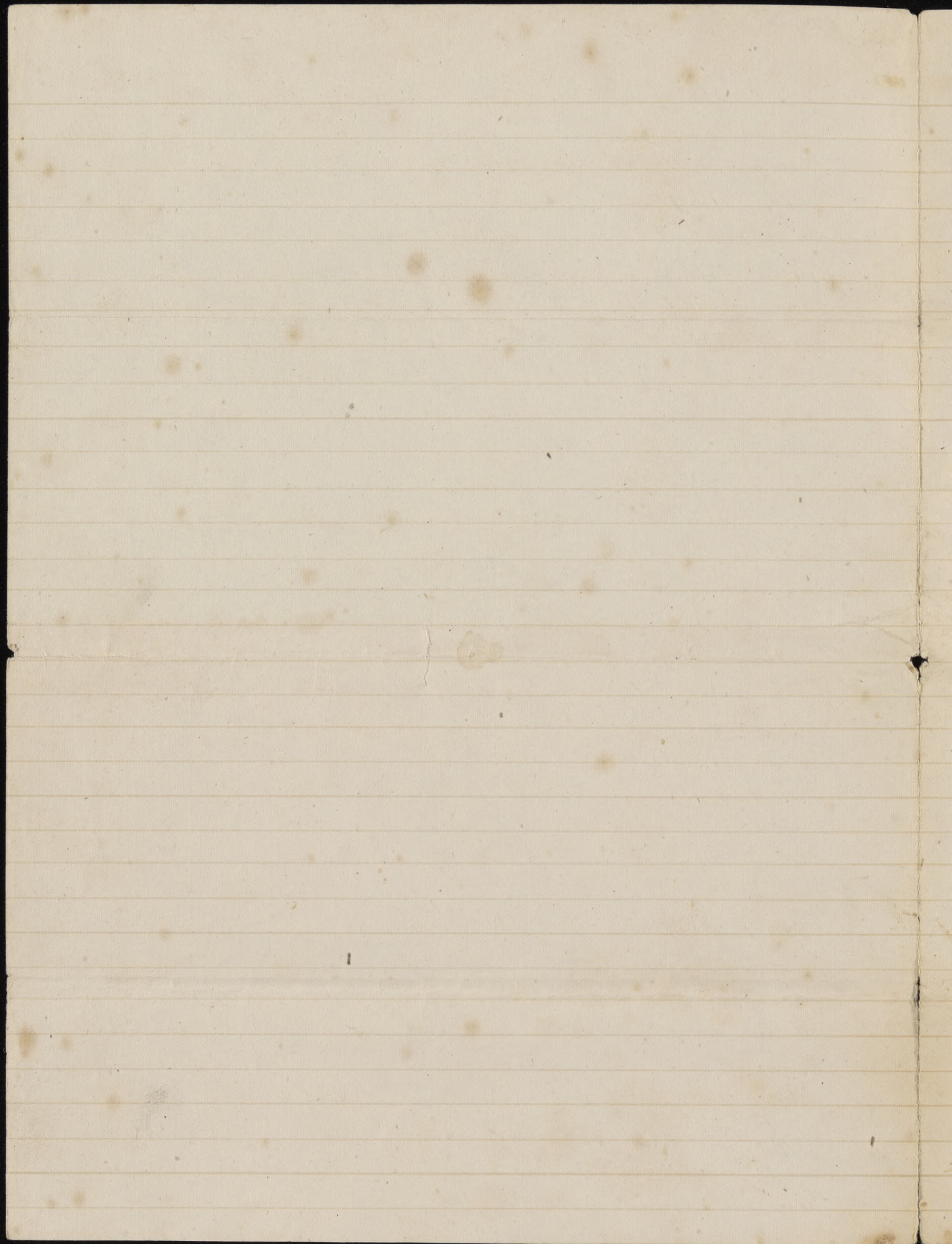
And to the faithful performance of all and singular the covenants
and agreements therein contained, the parties respectively bind
themselves in the penal sum of one thousand dollars
In testimony whereof the parties to these presents have hereunto
set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed sealed and delivered
in presence of us

Charles Johnson
George E. Johnson

~~Alpheus In Merifield~~
Edith Winchester by order
of the above named Committee

Articles of agreement made this seventeenth day of February
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty by and
between Fitch Winchester, Dexter Fay, Gabriel Parker, Peter Fay,
Arba Maynard, Dana Flagg, and Charles Johnson a Committee
to act for and in behalf of the Inhabitants of the Town of Southboro
in the County of Worcester and state of Massachusetts on the one part.
and Otis Clafflin of the Town of Westboro of the County and State
aforesaid on the other part. Witnesseth that. whereas the said
Otis Clafflin has agreed with the above named Committee to furnish
a set of underpinning and door steps for a Townhouse in Southboro
and also four plinths for the Columns for said house, said under
pinning for the east side of the house and the north east corner
are to be twenty inches deep, for the north end and west side are to be
fifteen inches deep, the buttresses are to be twenty inches deep and to
be measured on the side same as the underpinning, the underpinning
is to be nine inches thick, there are to be two steps or three if wanted
the upper step to be fifteen inches wide, the others fourteen inches and
eight inches thick and length sufficient to fill between the buttresses
the top step is to be in three pieces and the pieces to meet at the center
of the plinths, the buttresses to be two feet nine inches wide and carried
out level, the in edge of the buttress and the upper step to be straightened
to receive a brick floor, the plinths are to be two feet and nine inches
square and six inches thick, the plinths steps and buttresses are to
be split and hammered stone and are to be as good as those at the town
house at westboro, as to further dimensions and length of the under
pinning reference is to be had to a draft furnished by the Committee
said stone are all to be delivered and set on a foundation to be prepared
by said Committee near the meetinghouse of the first parish in Southboro
the joints of the underpinning and door steps are to be well pointed
said underpinning is to be ready for putting on the sills on or before
the fifteenth day of May next, and the buttresses steps and plinths
are to be delivered and laid on or before the fifteenth day of July next
and in consideration of which



Contracts for
building Town
House 1840

for the corner block stones there is to be paid \$2.55 extra

the above named Committee agree to pay two shillings per ~~foot~~ running foot for the split underpinning stone and forty cents per square foot for the split and hammered stone and five dollars each for the plinths if they cannot be afforded for less, and to be paid on the day of the completion of the work.

and to the faithful performance of all and singular the covenants and agreements therein contained the parties respectively bind themselves in the penal sum of one hundred dollars.

In testimony whereof the parties to these presents hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed sealed and delivered
in presents of

Charles Johnson

~~John Winchester~~ by order of the Committee

~~Wm. Claplin~~

July 10 th	To a journey to Worcester to consult Mr Washburn respecting the Contract and the best method of getting along with Mr Merryfield, and see if we could engage plinths	2,70
Aug 26 & 27	To one and half day moving the props and steps	2 25 ..
30	going to marshboro to see if the plinths were done	50
Sept 27 and 28	To one day laying plinths and repairing the damage of the Meetinghouse	1,50 ..
Oct 8. to 14 th	To five days leveling about the house at \$1.50	7.50 "
15 th	To helping get settees into the hall	.50 ..
	paid Henry Ester 25 cts for helping	25 ..
20	To leading the tops of the Col columns and putting on locks &c	1,20 ..
21 & 22	To two days putting up stoves at \$.120	2 40 ..
24	To one day cutting out seat and cleaning settees	1 25 ..
Nov 2:3-4-5-6	To five days getting out ledge at \$.133	6,65 ..
7	To half a day To	
	To making drafts for the townhouse	6.00
	To cash for postage on four letters	25
17	To three days about house	3 75
19	To 3/4 of a day cleaning hall putting up Center lamp	80
	paid Mr Rivers 32 cts for plaster 10 cts	42
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Rec'd payment Charles Johnson

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The Inhabitants of Southboro to Charles J. Johnson Dr
 1839 Jan 10th To a journey to Upton and Frammingham to see their
 Town houses 1, 50

Dec 13 Went to Westboro to see their Town house , 75
 18 To Taying to go to Worcester for counsel respecting title 1, 00
 20 To going to Worcester 2, 70

1840 Jan 8th To a journey to Stow in pursuit of lumber
 for townhouse 1, 50

Jan 10th To one and half day looking for timber 1, 75
 13-14-15 To 2 1/2 days Chopping and getting out timber
 at the pauper farm 3, 25

25th To going to Westboro to get proposals for underpinning , 75
 27 and 28th To one day attending to calls for specifications 1, 25
 29, 30 To one day and half making an estimate of the expence
 of the house 1, 75

Feb 3 To one day attending to calls for specifications 1, 25
 4 To one day do and five meals and lodging 2, 25
 5 Committee met to receive proposals
 6 To a journey to Grafton and Worcester to agree with
 some one to build townhouse 2, 70

10 and 11 To two days making out specifications and contract 2, 50
 April 15 To a journey to Worcester respecting house 2, 70

17 To one days work about the spot to set the house 1, 50
 To half a day going to Westboro to contract for stone work 1, 50

June 1st and 2nd To two days helping set underpinning 3, 00
 3 To going to Northboro to engage bread for raising 1, 10

4 To half a day helping lay out the frame , 75
 5 To half a day raising and Blocks and rope 1, 25

6 To two journeys to Jonas Longlugs to borrow and return
 spoke pates 1, 50

To cash paid for use and damage of poles 1, 00
 27 To carrying Mr. Mercyfield to Westboro
 to see their townhouse 75
 38, 23

Charles Johnson
No 57. \$77.20

1839

To the Inhabitants of the town of Southboro.
Gentlemen.

Your Committee chosen on the 12th of Nov. last for the purpose of selecting a site on which to build a town House and also to make a plan of sd. contemplated houses and the probable expense of the same - Beg leave to report as follows -

Your Committee are unanimously agreed that the most eligible situation is on the common south-westerly of the meeting house of the first Parish in said Town. the southeasterly corner of the projection to stand at a stake ten feet east and near the north end of a bank wall on sd. common, extending north 62½ feet. and west 40 feet from said stake -

This selection of ground was made on condition that the first Parish in said town would convey all their right, title & Interest to said ground ^{on which} as a Parish, to the town, as legal counsel may think perfectly safe for the town -

Your Committee are also unanimously agreed that it is expediant to build a house 56 feet long and 40 feet wide, with a projection in front of 6½ feet supported by 4 columns - Posts of the house 25 feet in length - for a particular description of said house reference to be had to a plan of the same -

Probable expense of said house about \$ 3000 -

Should a house be erected on the spot selected by
your Committee we would recommend that
the heirs of Solomon Cote be requested to
remove their stable now standing near the spot
selected —

all which is humbly submitted.

Southborough Dec. ^{11th} 1839 Gabriel Parker per Order

Report
Dec 11th 1839
Gabriel Parker
and others.

Town House